MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro

DATE:

March 20, 2007

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida

Legislature to enhance the penalty for any crime committed in, on or around Public Housing

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.

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Pleas	se note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(6)
Veto		03-20-07	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A LAW THAT WOULD ENHANCE THE PENALTY FOR ANY CRIME THAT IS COMMITTED IN, ON OR AROUND ANY PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT AND/OR PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, owns and operates many Public Housing properties for the benefit of all residents of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, residents of Public Housing have on occasion been the victims of crimes a greater number of times than many non residents; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Public Housing residents and employees and visitors is of utmost importance to this County; and

WHEREAS, enhanced penalties for specified crimes is a strong deterrent to the commission of those crimes; and

WHEREAS, deterring crime in and around Public Housing is in the public interest and improves the quality of life for all residents of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to pass a law that enhances the penalties for any and all crimes that have been committed on or within a specified distance from any Public Housing unit and/or Public Housing property for the protection of residents of Public Housing and any person going onto Public Housing property.

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Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit certified copies of the resolution to the Senate President, the House Speaker, and the chair and members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson

Sally A. Heyman Dennis C. Moss Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Thomas H. Robertson